

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Yoon Ham on April 15, 2008.

In claim 6 line 2: replace "UMLS" with "United Medical Language System (UMLS)".

Allowable Subject Matter

On April 15, 2008 the examiner initiated an interview with applicant's representative, Yoon Ham; the substance of that interview is as follows:

Applicant's representative confirmed that the terms MRCON and MSTRY, as used in independent claim 6, are not acronyms, but rather terms referring to the tables in Figure 3. The examiner also received authorization for an examiner's amendment to independent claim 6, replacing the term "UMLS" with the multi-word name form which the acronym is formed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The whole structure expressed by the combination of all limitations is not made obvious compared to the prior art of record for the whole invention, particularly

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extracting concept names, single names and category keyterms from the UMLS metathesaurus, mapping information in the MRCON table to information in the MRSTY table using a mapping condition, and dividing the data stored in the MRCON table according to each semantic category, and creating a concept name database from string field values from the MRCON table, and extracting single names and category keyterms from the concept name database. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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